

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. This amendment is filed to correct Claims 5, 6, and 8 to have their originally intended scope. The amendment filed on December 29, 2005, had incorrectly rewritten the dependent claims.

Claims 4-22 are allowed. Claims 5, 6, and 8 are presently amended. As original dependent Claims 5, 6, and 8 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form according to the Office Action of October 17, 2005, the present amendment correctly rewrites original dependent Claims 5, 6, and 8 to be independent form. Thus, no new matter is added and no new issues are raised.

Applicants remind Examiner Prenty of the telephone conversation of February 3, 2006, where an Examiner's Amendment was requested followed by the determination that the filing of amendments in a 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 Amendment was deemed more appropriate for entering the amendments due to the increase of the fee in filing the additional independent claims.

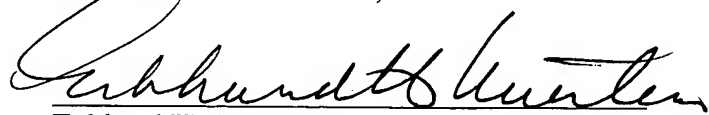
Consequently, in light of the prior indication of allowability and the telephone discussion of February 3, 2006, it is submitted that entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order and it is respectfully requested that the patent issue including the presently submitted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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